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Dear Interested Party:

Enclosed is a copy of the Environmental Assessment for the Elk Park Fuels Reduction and Forest Health project. The EA is also available for review at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/coconino/nepa/index.shtml>.

The Proposed Action (Alternative 2) includes selection harvesting and thinning on approximately 4,700 acres of ponderosa pine and prescribed burning on approximately 6,400 acres. In association tree harvesting and hauling of forest products, up to 4 miles of temporary roads may be constructed. Forest Service Road (FSR) 132B would be relocated out of Elk Park Meadows and the surface and drainage along 1 mile of FSR 132B south of Elk Park Meadows would be improved. Alternative 2 is further described in Chapter 2 of the EA. The area affected by the proposal includes 6,731 acres of land approximately 6 miles southeast of Flagstaff, Arizona on the Mormon Lake Ranger District.

Comments on this action will be accepted for 30 calendar days following the publication of this notice in the *Arizona Daily Sun*. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for an EA. Legal notices published in the *Arizona Daily Sun* can be found on the Internet at <http://www.azdailysun.com>.

Written or oral comments may be submitted via mail, fax, telephone, or in person (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays) to the Responsible Official: Nora Rasure, 1824 S Thompson St, Flagstaff, AZ 86001, FAX (928) 527-3600; TEL (928) 526-3620; or by e-mail to [comments-southwestern-coconino-mormon-lake@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-southwestern-coconino-mormon-lake@fs.fed.us). The name and mailing address of the person submitting electronic comments must be included.

Individuals and organizations who submit comments or otherwise express interest before the end of the comment period for an EA may file an appeal (36 CFR 215.6; 40 CFR 1506.10; FSH 1909.25, Chapter 20), except for federal agencies (who may not appeal). Comments received from an authorized representative(s) of an organization are considered those of the organization only; individual members of that organization do not meet appeal eligibility solely on the basis of membership in an organization. The member(s) must submit comments as an individual in order to meet appeal eligibility. It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of the comment period.

Those wishing to be eligible for appeals must provide the following:

- i. Name and address
- ii. Title of the Proposed Action



- iii. Specific facts or comments on the proposed action, along with supporting reasons that the Responsible Official should consider in reaching a decision.
- iv. Signature or other verification of identity upon request; identification of the individual or organization who authored the comment(s) is necessary for appeal eligibility.

Pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27(d), any person may request the agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the Freedom of Information Action (FOIA) permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that, under the FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in only very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Forest Service will inform the requestor of the agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality and, where the request is denied, the agency will return the submission and notify the requestor that the comments may be re-submitted with or without name and address within 10 days.

We appreciate your help and continuing cooperation with our forest management programs. Should you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact Skye Sieber, Project Team Leader, at (928) 527-8216 or [ssieber@fs.fed.us](mailto:ssieber@fs.fed.us)

Sincerely,

*/s/ John E. Booth (for)*  
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Enclosure